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South Carolina's Employment Situation January 2018

Jobs grow to record level as employment and labor force increase

South Carolina employers added more than 3,000 jobs in January with the manufacturing and trade, transportation and utility sectors filling the majority of the jobs increase.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 4.3 percent in January from December's revised rate of 4.2 percent.

The number of individuals working increased by 463 to 2,221,308 people, while the number of unemployed individuals increased by 2,299 to 100,178. The state's labor force increased by 2,762 to 2,321,486 people.

Since January 2017, the labor force has grown by 18,281 people, and employment gains totaled 21,773. The level of unemployed people decreased by 3,492.

Nationally, the unemployment rate was unchanged, remaining at 4.1 percent in January.

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

January 2018 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payrolls increased by 3,100 over the month to a record level of 2,113,100.

- The state's job count rose in Manufacturing (+3,100); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,400); Government (+400); Leisure and Hospitality (+200); Construction (+100); Education and Health Services (+100); and Information (+100).
- Industries recording job losses during the same month were Professional and Business Services (-1,800); Other Services (-1,000); and Financial Activities (-500).

From January 2017 to January 2018, South Carolina's economy has added 28,800 seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs.

- Industries with noticeable gains were Leisure and Hospitality (+7,300); Manufacturing (+7,200); Education and Health Services (+4,900); Government (+2,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,400); Other Services (+2,100); Construction (+1,700); Professional and Business Services (+800); and Information (+400).
- Declines were reported in Financial Activities (-600).

Nonfarm Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 37,400 from December 2017 to January 2018 for a total of 2,077,100.

- Manufacturing (+1,900) was the only major industry to add jobs during the month.
- Mining and Logging remained the same.
- Industries declining during the month were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-10,400); Professional and Business Services (-9,500); Leisure and Hospitality (-7,100); Government (-6,100); Education and Health Services (-3,100); Other Services (-1,600); Construction (-500); Financial Activities (-500); and Information (-500).

Since January 2017, not seasonally adjusted, nonfarm jobs were up 31,400 overall in South Carolina.

- Industries marking annual gains were Manufacturing (+7,600); Leisure and Hospitality (+6,400); Education and Health Services (+5,600); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+4,100); Construction (+2,900); Government (+2,500); Other Services (+1,700); Financial Activities (+300); Information (+200); and Professional and Business Services (+100).
- Mining and Logging held steady.

¹**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

²**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January 2018

Industry	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	December 2017 to January 2018		January 2017 to January 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,113,100	2,110,000	2,084,300	3,100	0.15%	28,800	1.38%
Construction	102,900	102,800	101,200	100	0.10%	1,700	1.68%
Manufacturing	245,900	242,800	238,700	3,100	1.26%	7,200	3.02%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	401,100	398,700	398,700	2,400	0.60%	2,400	0.60%
Information	27,800	27,700	27,400	100	0.36%	400	1.46%
Financial Activities	101,100	101,600	101,700	-500	-0.49%	-600	-0.59%
Professional and Business Services	276,900	278,700	276,100	-1,800	-0.65%	800	0.29%
Education and Health Services	248,800	248,700	243,900	100	0.04%	4,900	2.01%
Leisure and Hospitality	259,800	259,600	252,500	200	0.08%	7,300	2.89%
Other Services	77,400	78,400	75,300	-1,000	-1.29%	2,100	2.79%
Government	367,200	366,800	364,600	400	0.11%	2,600	0.71%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Statewide
January 2018

Industry	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	December 2017 to January 2018		January 2017 to January 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,077,100	2,114,500	2,045,700	-37,400	-1.77%	31,400	1.53%
Mining and Logging	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Construction	101,900	102,400	99,000	-500	-0.49%	2,900	2.93%
Manufacturing	245,500	243,600	237,900	1,900	0.78%	7,600	3.19%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	396,700	407,100	392,600	-10,400	-2.55%	4,100	1.04%
Information	27,500	28,000	27,300	-500	-1.79%	200	0.73%
Financial Activities	100,500	101,000	100,200	-500	-0.50%	300	0.30%
Professional and Business Services	270,300	279,800	270,200	-9,500	-3.40%	100	0.04%
Education and Health Services	247,300	250,400	241,700	-3,100	-1.24%	5,600	2.32%
Leisure and Hospitality	241,200	248,300	234,800	-7,100	-2.86%	6,400	2.73%
Other Services	76,200	77,800	74,500	-1,600	-2.06%	1,700	2.28%
Government	365,800	371,900	363,300	-6,100	-1.64%	2,500	0.69%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) January 2018

Area	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	December 2017 to January 2018		January 2017 to January 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,113,100	2,110,000	2,084,300	3,100	0.15%	28,800	1.38%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	355,200	354,900	350,100	300	0.08%	5,100	1.46%
Columbia MSA	395,700	395,300	398,700	400	0.10%	-3,000	-0.75%
Florence MSA	88,600	88,500	88,300	100	0.11%	300	0.34%
Greenville/Anderson/Mauldin MSA	423,700	419,600	412,800	4,100	0.97%	10,900	2.64%
Hilton Head Bluffton Beaufort	79,600	79,400	78,500	200	0.25%	1,100	1.40%
Myrtle Beach MSA	169,300	168,200	166,900	1,100	0.65%	2,400	1.44%
Spartanburg MSA	154,800	154,500	151,300	300	0.19%	3,500	2.31%
Sumter MSA	40,000	39,600	39,400	400	1.00%	600	1.52%

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT BY AREA, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

South Carolina & Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) January 2018

Area	January 2018	December 2017	January 2017	December 2017 to January 2018		January 2017 to January 2018	
				# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Statewide	2,077,100	2,114,500	2,045,700	-37,400	-1.77%	31,400	1.53%
Charleston/North Charleston MSA	350,300	355,700	345,000	-5,400	-1.52%	5,300	1.54%
Columbia MSA	391,100	398,100	393,700	-7,000	-1.76%	-2,600	-0.66%
Florence MSA	87,700	89,100	87,100	-1,400	-1.57%	600	0.69%
Greenville MSA	417,900	423,200	407,800	-5,300	-1.25%	10,100	2.48%
Hilton Head Island/Bluffton MSA	77,000	78,400	75,800	-1,400	-1.79%	1,200	1.58%
Myrtle Beach/Conway/N. Myrtle Beach MSA	157,600	160,400	153,500	-2,800	-1.75%	4,100	2.67%
Spartanburg MSA	153,200	156,800	150,200	-3,600	-2.30%	3,000	2.00%
Sumter MSA	39,800	39,800	39,000	0	0.00%	800	2.05%

Note: Due to new a Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) redefinition, the following area has been reinstated as Metropolitan Statistical Areas eligible for seasonal adjustment (Hilton Head Bluffton Beaufort). Only Metropolitan statistical areas identified by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as meeting the latest published standards from Census Bureau data are seasonally adjusted. The standards for defining the areas are reviewed and revised once every ten years, prior to each decennial census. Between censuses, the definitions are updated annually to reflect the most recent Census Bureau population estimates.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS BY COUNTY, MSA, AND STATE
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

AREA		January 2018				December 2017**				January 2017**			
		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT		LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
				LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)			LEVEL	RATE (%)
Fairfield County	↑	10,199	9,172	1,027	10.1	10,308	9,332	976	9.5	10,068	9,410	658	6.5
Marion County	↑	12,606	11,551	1,055	8.4	12,839	11,913	926	7.2	12,851	11,690	1,161	9.0
Allendale County	↑	2,843	2,608	235	8.3	2,771	2,573	198	7.1	2,727	2,492	235	8.6
Bamberg County	↑	5,284	4,850	434	8.2	5,412	5,026	386	7.1	5,339	4,890	449	8.4
Orangeburg County	↑	35,511	32,705	2,806	7.9	36,163	33,724	2,439	6.7	35,897	32,991	2,906	8.1
Williamsburg County	↑	12,726	11,747	979	7.7	12,937	12,116	821	6.3	12,784	11,865	919	7.2
Marlboro County	↑	9,416	8,745	671	7.1	9,447	8,863	584	6.2	9,380	8,664	716	7.6
Horry County	↑	138,660	128,912	9,748	7.0	135,841	128,118	7,723	5.7	134,829	125,553	9,276	6.9
Barnwell County	↑	8,226	7,662	564	6.9	8,563	8,067	496	5.8	8,462	7,905	557	6.6
Clarendon County	↑	12,724	11,842	882	6.9	13,245	12,490	755	5.7	13,119	12,253	866	6.6
Georgetown County	↑	25,914	24,121	1,793	6.9	26,097	24,613	1,484	5.7	25,789	24,028	1,761	6.8
Chester County	↑	13,710	12,804	906	6.6	13,817	13,011	806	5.8	13,911	12,972	939	6.8
Dillon County	↑	12,874	12,034	840	6.5	13,237	12,497	740	5.6	13,054	12,223	831	6.4
Lee County	↑	6,459	6,051	408	6.3	6,561	6,185	376	5.7	6,577	6,138	439	6.7
Union County	↑	11,831	11,091	740	6.3	11,789	11,157	632	5.4	11,798	11,089	709	6.0
Darlington County	↑	29,894	28,117	1,777	5.9	30,060	28,463	1,597	5.3	30,190	28,390	1,800	6.0
Sumter County	↑	44,738	42,107	2,631	5.9	43,489	41,214	2,275	5.2	44,551	41,944	2,607	5.9
Colleton County	↑	17,141	16,142	999	5.8	17,561	16,697	864	4.9	17,293	16,374	919	5.3
Abbeville County	↑	10,173	9,589	584	5.7	10,581	10,119	462	4.4	10,436	9,906	530	5.1
Calhoun County	↑	6,799	6,413	386	5.7	6,826	6,489	337	4.9	6,929	6,522	407	5.9
McCormick County	↑	3,428	3,236	192	5.6	3,492	3,341	151	4.3	3,462	3,266	196	5.7
Cherokee County	↑	24,356	23,032	1,324	5.4	24,087	22,942	1,145	4.8	23,933	22,568	1,365	5.7
Florence County	↑	65,380	61,875	3,505	5.4	65,559	62,548	3,011	4.6	65,727	62,397	3,330	5.1
Greenwood County	↑	31,048	29,385	1,663	5.4	32,138	30,766	1,372	4.3	31,739	30,141	1,598	5.0
Lancaster County	↑	39,500	37,356	2,144	5.4	38,142	36,299	1,843	4.8	38,084	36,156	1,928	5.1
Laurens County	↑	30,494	28,916	1,578	5.2	30,471	29,126	1,345	4.4	30,198	28,726	1,472	4.9
Kershaw County	↑	28,886	27,401	1,485	5.1	28,862	27,556	1,306	4.5	29,284	27,791	1,493	5.1
Edgefield County	↑	10,766	10,230	536	5.0	10,957	10,478	479	4.4	10,863	10,276	587	5.4
Hampton County	↑	8,328	7,910	418	5.0	8,384	8,018	366	4.4	8,259	7,835	424	5.1
Oconee County	↑	34,817	33,066	1,751	5.0	35,387	33,927	1,460	4.1	34,947	33,227	1,720	4.9
Richland County	↑	197,773	187,906	9,867	5.0	198,059	189,527	8,532	4.3	201,321	191,920	9,401	4.7
Pickens County	↑	57,079	54,309	2,770	4.9	56,657	54,347	2,310	4.1	56,380	53,671	2,709	4.8
Aiken County	↑	75,775	72,172	3,603	4.8	75,961	72,911	3,050	4.0	75,378	71,869	3,509	4.7
Beaufort County	↑	72,818	69,305	3,513	4.8	71,460	68,577	2,883	4.0	71,449	68,072	3,377	4.7
Chesterfield County	↑	21,823	20,765	1,058	4.8	22,492	21,588	904	4.0	22,191	21,166	1,025	4.6
Newberry County	↑	18,698	17,806	892	4.8	19,551	18,770	781	4.0	19,242	18,435	807	4.2
Anderson County	↑	90,323	86,075	4,248	4.7	89,544	86,091	3,453	3.9	89,060	85,072	3,988	4.5
York County	↑	134,370	128,101	6,269	4.7	131,641	126,326	5,315	4.0	131,711	125,904	5,807	4.4
Spartanburg County	↑	146,612	139,926	6,686	4.6	143,884	138,248	5,636	3.9	144,055	137,539	6,516	4.5
Jasper County	↑	12,063	11,518	545	4.5	11,828	11,383	445	3.8	11,692	11,192	500	4.3
Saluda County	↑	8,927	8,521	406	4.5	8,854	8,519	335	3.8	8,878	8,480	398	4.5
Berkeley County	↑	97,660	93,329	4,331	4.4	96,012	92,467	3,545	3.7	96,774	92,605	4,169	4.3
Dorchester County	↑	73,675	70,411	3,264	4.4	74,722	71,931	2,791	3.7	75,232	71,993	3,239	4.3
Greenville County	↑	249,113	238,511	10,602	4.3	246,309	237,555	8,754	3.6	245,072	234,838	10,234	4.2
Lexington County	↑	146,372	140,186	6,186	4.2	145,387	140,022	5,365	3.7	147,145	141,342	5,803	3.9
Charleston County	↑	203,262	195,074	8,188	4.0	204,203	197,379	6,824	3.3	205,123	197,031	8,092	3.9
Charleston - North Charleston MSA	↑	374,597	358,814	15,783	4.2	374,937	361,777	13,160	3.5	377,129	361,629	15,500	4.1
Columbia MSA	↑	398,956	379,599	19,357	4.9	398,296	381,445	16,851	4.2	403,625	385,465	18,160	4.5
Florence MSA	↑	95,274	89,992	5,282	5.5	95,619	91,011	4,608	4.8	95,917	90,787	5,130	5.3
Greenville -Anderson- Mauldin MSA	↑	427,009	407,811	19,198	4.5	422,981	407,119	15,862	3.8	420,710	402,307	18,403	4.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
South Carolina	↑	2,321,486	2,221,308	100,178	4.3	2,318,724	2,220,845	97,879	4.2	2,303,205	2,199,535	103,670	4.5

Current month's estimates are preliminary.

Counties are sorted by current month's unemployment rate in descending order.

**2017 substate estimates will be revised at the conclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual benchmarking process on April 20th.

↑ Unemployment Rate Up
↓ Unemployment Rate Down
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